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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1265. A bill to make grants and loans available to States and other organizations to strengthen the economy, public health, and environment of the United States by reducing emissions from diesel engines (Rept. No. 109-133).

By Mr. ENZI, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1021. A bill to reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-134).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. BROWNBAC):

S. 1618. A bill to regulate international marriage broker activity in the United States, to provide for certain protections for individuals who utilize the services of international marriage brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1619. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to require local educational agencies and schools to implement integrated pest management systems to minimize the use of pesticides in schools and to provide parents, guardians, and employees with notice of the use of pesticides in schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. REID, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1620. A bill to provide the nonimmigrant spouses and children of nonimmigrant aliens who perished in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks an opportunity to adjust their status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1621. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the above-the-line deduction for teacher classroom supplies and to expand such deduction to include qualified professional development expenses; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. OBAMA, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1622. A bill to establish a congressional commission to examine the Federal, State, and local response to the devastation

wrought by Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Region of the United States especially in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and other areas impacted in the aftermath and make immediate corrective measures to improve such responses in the future; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1623. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Lewatit; to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 1624. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain chemicals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1625. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on certain ion-exchange resins; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1626. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate copolymers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 1627. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study to evaluate resources along the coastal region of the State of Delaware and to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Park System in Delaware; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1628. A bill to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Federal Pell Grants and are adversely affected by a natural disaster; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1629. A bill to provide the President with authority to temporarily freeze the price of gasoline and other refined products; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1630. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish the National Emergency Family Locator System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1631. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a temporary windfall profit tax on crude oil and to rebate the tax collected back to the American consumer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEIN-

GOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 234. A resolution relative to the death of William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 235. A resolution to permit the solicitation of donations in Senate buildings for the relief of victims of Hurricane Katrina; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 103

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 103, a bill to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service, to expand certain authorities to provide health care benefits for Reserves and their families, and for other purposes.

S. 406

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBAC) was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to amend title I of the

Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees.

S. 420

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 420, a bill to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

S. 511

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 511, a bill to provide that the approved application under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the drug commonly known as RU-486 is deemed to have been withdrawn, to provide for the review by the Comptroller General of the United States of the process by which the Food and Drug Administration approved such drug, and for other purposes.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 601, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include combat pay in determining an allowable contribution to an individual retirement plan.

S. 738

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 738, a bill to provide relief for the cotton shirt industry.

S. 772

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 772, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand workplace health incentives by equalizing the tax consequences of employee athletic facility use.

S. 889

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 889, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require phased increases in the fuel efficiency standards applicable to light trucks, to require fuel economy standards for automobiles up to 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, to increase the fuel economy of the Federal fleet of vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 935

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 935, a bill to regulate .50 caliber sniper weapons designed for the taking of human life and the destruction of materiel, including armored vehicles and components of the Nation's critical infrastructure.

S. 958

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr.

ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 958, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail.

S. 970

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to establish the African Burial Ground National Historic Site and the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum in New York, New York, and for other purposes.

S. 1004

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1004, a bill to provide the Federal Trade Commission with the resources necessary to protect users of the Internet from the unfair and deceptive acts and practices associated with spyware, and for other purposes.

S. 1014

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1014, a bill to provide additional relief for small business owners ordered to active duty as members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1120

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1120, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States by half by 2010, and for other purposes.

S. 1123

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1123, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain microphones used in automotive interiors.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term needs.

S. 1272

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1272, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

S. 1367

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1367, a bill to provide for recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting a national teacher corps in underserved communities.

S. 1388

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1388, a bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes.

S. 1438

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1438, a bill to provide for immigration reform.

S. 1442

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1442, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Coordinated Environmental Health Network, and for other purposes.

S. 1462

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1462, a bill to promote peace and accountability in Sudan, and for other purposes.

S. 1465

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1465, a bill to strengthen programs relating to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes science training by providing coordination of efforts, greater interagency cooperation, and the strengthening and expansion of related programs administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and to diversify the ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes science community by attracting underrepresented groups.

S. 1496

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1496, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps.

S. 1504

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1504, a bill to establish a market driven telecommunications marketplace, to eliminate government managed competition of existing communication service, and to provide parity between functionally equivalent services.

S. 1580

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Maryland

(Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1580, a bill to improve the health of minority individuals.

S. 1615

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1615, a bill to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an independent agency, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 184

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 184, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding manifestations of anti-Semitism by United Nations member states and urging action against anti-Semitism by United Nations officials, United Nations member states, and the Government of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 204

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 204, a resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the American Academy of Pediatrics and supporting the mission and goals of the organization.

S. RES. 225

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 225, a resolution designating the month of November 2005 as the "Month of Global Health".

S. RES. 227

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 227, a resolution pledging continued support for international hunger relief efforts and expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Government should use resources and diplomatic leverage to secure food aid for countries that are in need of further assistance to prevent acute and chronic hunger.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1619. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to require local educational agencies and schools to implement integrated pest management systems to minimize the use of pesticides in schools and to provide parents, guardians, and employees with notice of the use of pesticides in schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will help protect our children from the harmful health effects of pesticides.

This legislation, a companion bill to Congressman RUSH HOLT's School Environment Protection Act, SEPA, addresses the need for States and local education agencies to protect schoolchildren and school staff from exposure to harmful chemicals in school buildings and on school grounds.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, children face higher risks than adults from pesticides because their systems are still developing, and therefore not as capable of detoxification. Pesticide exposure can adversely affect a child's neurological, respiratory, immune, and endocrine systems and has been linked to exacerbated asthma symptoms.

In July of this year, the Journal of the American Medical Association released a study which confirmed that pesticide exposure at schools causes acute illnesses in school employees and students. The study recommends that integrated pest management programs, designed to require less, if any, chemical pesticide application, be used in schools to help keep our children safe and healthy.

Safe alternatives to the use of dangerous chemical pesticides exist. This bill would require all schools, local education agencies, and States to develop school pest management plans that emphasize these safe alternatives, minimizing health damage from pesticides and minimizing economic damage by pests at the same time. This legislation would encourage schools to use techniques that attempt to move away from chemical pesticides where possible, that are proven to be safe and effective, and that involve proper timing and notification of students, families, and school employees in cases when pesticides cannot be avoided.

This bill builds the foundation for a strong working relationship between the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, and State and local agencies so that they may solve this problem together. The EPA is called upon to develop guidelines with State and local education agencies for school pest management plans. Local education agencies would be required to develop and implement school pest management plans that comply. The EPA would continue to offer program assistance after such plans are implemented.

The Senate passed a similar version of this bill in the 107th Congress, but the full Congress has been slow to act. I sincerely hope that Congress finally acts on this important issue. We must take the advice of scientists, especially considering the ever-growing body of knowledge concerning the effects of harmful chemicals on children, and pass the School Environment Protection Act. Children have the right to learn in a healthy atmosphere. Parents and guardians have the right to know whether their children are to be exposed to toxic chemicals and take mitigating steps. I urge all my colleagues to support the School Environmental Protection Act.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1619

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "School Environment Protection Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) in 1992, the National Parent Teacher Association passed a resolution calling for the reduced use of pesticides in schools and calling on policymakers to consider all possible alternatives before using any pesticides;

(2) the National Education Association and many other national public interest organizations have announced support for reducing or eliminating pesticide use in schools;

(3) childhood cancer is continuing to increase at the alarming rate of 1 percent per year;

(4) the overall incidence of childhood cancer increased 10 percent between 1974 and 1991, making cancer the leading cause of childhood death from disease;

(5) approximately 4,800,000 children in the United States under the age of 18 have asthma, the most common chronic illness in children, and the incidence of asthma is on the rise;

(6) children are more susceptible to hazardous impacts from pesticides than are adults;

(7) numerous scientific studies have linked both cancer and asthma to pesticide exposure;

(8) the Environmental Protection Agency has recommended the use of an integrated pest management system by local educational agencies, which emphasizes nonchemical ways of reducing pests, such as sanitation and maintenance;

(9) integrated pest management—

(A) promotes nonchemical methods of pest prevention and management using least toxic pesticides after all other methods have been exhausted; and

(B) requires a notification process by which each student, parent, guardian, staff member, and teacher shall be notified of a pesticide application;

(10) parents and guardians have a right to know that there is an integrated pest management system in their children's schools;

(11) an integrated pest management system provides long-term health and economic benefits; and

(12) parents and guardians wish to and have a right to be notified in advance of any use of a pesticide in their children's schools.

SEC. 3. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR SCHOOLS.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 34 and 35 (7 U.S.C. 136x, 136y) as sections 35 and 36, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 33 (7 U.S.C. 136w-8) the following:

"SEC. 34. INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR SCHOOLS.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

"(1) BOARD.—The term 'Board' means the National School Integrated Pest Management Advisory Board established under subsection (c).

"(2) CONTACT PERSON.—The term 'contact person' means an individual who is—

"(A) knowledgeable about integrated pest management systems; and